

ST MARY'S CHURCH HARVINGTON, DY10 4LR



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MASSES THIS WEEK (with YEAR B Readings)

Sunday 24 March

Palm Sunday of the Passion of The Lord

Day of Prayer for the Candidates for the Sacraments

8.30am

Mass intention for: *John Weston R.I.P.*

10.30am

Mass Intention for: *People of The Parish*

Monday 25 March

Monday of Holy Week

NO MASS TODAY

Tuesday 26 March

Tuesday of Holy Week

10.00am

Requiem Mass for Karen Wright R.I.P.

Wednesday 27 March

Wednesday of Holy Week

NO MASS TODAY as Fr John will be attending the Chrism Mass at St Chad's Cathedral

Thursday 28 March

Thursday of Holy Week

Mass of the Last Supper

7.00pm

Mass intention for: *Private Intention*

Watching at the Altar of Repose until 10.00 pm:

A list is on the table in the church porch for people to commit to watching at the Altar of Repose in 15 minute blocks. There should always be a minimum of two people present at all times.

Friday 29 March

Good Friday

The Liturgy: Reading of the Passion, Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion

3.00pm

A collection for The Holy Places will be taken on this day.

Saturday 30 March

Holy Saturday

Vigil of Easter:

Blessing of the Fire, Paschal Candle and Font, followed by the First Mass of Easter

Mass Intention for: Private Intention

7.00pm

Sunday 31 March

Solemnity of The Resurrection of The Lord Easter Sunday

Mass intention for: *Karen Wright R.I.P.*

Mass Intention for: *People of The Parish*

8.30am

10.30am

Anniversaries in March: Rev John Marsden (1824), Ann Parkes (1863), Joseph Chare (1865), Rev John Brownlow (1888), Philip Alfred Haskew (1897), William Benedick Oakley (1908), Henry Mercer (1974), Lucy Moran (1988), Anna Newton Keenan (1992), Ernest Godwin (1993), Ann Kiley (2004), Martin Amphlett (2013), Geraldine Pritchard (2017), Aubrey Campbell (2018), Tom Wilcox (2018), Anthony Francis-Flores (2018), Vincent Glynn (2019), Michael Bianco (2019), Tony Davenhill (2022), Jane Young (2022), John Weston (2023), Bishop David McGough (2023)

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the souls of

Karen Wright who died on Saturday 24th February.

Jeanne Round* who died on Thursday 29th February.

Anne Sharples, Fr Richard's sister.

John Harvey, Annick's husband, who died on Thursday 14th March.

May they Rest In Peace.

◇ Fr John will preside at John Harvey's cremation ceremony at Waseley Hills Crematorium Chapel at 1.00pm on Monday 15th April.

◇ Jeanne's Requiem Mass will take place at St Mary's at 12 noon on Tuesday 16th April.

In your prayers please remember those who are sick and asked for our prayers:

Deirdre Brookes, Stephen Brown, Beth Downing, Norma Fox, Shirley Grant, Peter Handley, Elizabeth Howell, Angela MacGarrow, Ann Murphy, John & Ellen Mottram, Patricia Newton, Kevin O'Connor, Ann Parry.



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... for all your offerings and donations.

Contributions to the Parish: 10-17 March:

Regular, weekly Gift Aid Direct Debit:	£316.00
Gift Aid Envelopes:	£93.00
Loose cash:	£287.31

Direct Debit, gift aid forms are available from the folder on the notice board in the church porch. Please complete and either hand to Fr John or post through his house letterbox.

PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE MONEY OR ENVELOPES CONTAINING MONEY IN THE PORCH.

If you wish to make a donation when Mass is not taking place and the church is otherwise empty, please post your offering (in an envelope) in the letterbox in the door of the Priest's House.

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PARISH SAFEGUARDING: The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies and procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is **Valerie Nolan**. She can be contacted at: sg.stmary.harvington@rcaob.org.uk or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on: 0121 2306240 / safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concern.

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PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN: Peter Boszko - stmary.harvington@rcaob.org.uk

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The emergency exit from the church is via the sacristy and through the house.



CAN YOU SING? If you have sung in a Choir before St Mary's choir would welcome some additional members to sing with us at the Sunday 10:30 Mass and on other occasions such as Christmas, Easter and the annual Pilgrimage Mass. If you are interested talk with one of the Choir or just pop up to the choir loft after the 10:30 Sunday Mass for a chat.

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The **HARVINGTON CRAFT GROUP** will be selling their hand crafted goods **in the Stable after both Masses on Sunday 24th March**. An ideal opportunity to buy presents or to treat yourself!

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Our collection for the **KIDDERMINSTER FOODBANK** takes place this weekend. Donations of food and other essentials will be delivered on your behalf to the Food Bank collection point in Kidderminster.

If you would prefer to donate cash or a cheque, made payable to **'The Kidderminster Foodbank'**, please use an envelope marked **'FOOD BANK'**, and put it in the Offertory collection. Donations will be passed directly to the Kidderminster Foodbank Treasurer. If you wish the Foodbank to benefit from the tax paid on your monetary donation please complete the **GIFT AID** form (available in the church porch) and include it in the envelope

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CAR PARKING ON THE FIELD

If you need to park on the field during this prolonged wet spell please do continue to take care, both when driving on the field and walking to and from your cars as the ground is soft and muddy. During the next dry spell the Hall is planning to cut the grass, and to keep it short for next winter, so that the matting can do its job.

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THE ARCHDIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM have two **job vacancies** they wish to bring to your attention:

- * Deputy Diocesan Solicitor.
- * Administration Support Officer, Safeguarding Team.

Advertisements for both are displayed on the notice board in the porch. Detailed job descriptions may be found on the Archdiocesan website:

<https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/Pages/FAQs/Category/jobs>



Holy Week

HOLY THURSDAY - at the beginning of the Easter Triduum the Church recalls the Last Supper, in which the Lord Jesus offered to the father his Body and Blood under the form of bread and wine, gave them to the apostles as spiritual food, and commanded them and their successors in the priesthood to perpetuate this offering.

GOOD FRIDAY - on this day the Church meditates on the Passion of the Lord and Spouse, venerates the Cross, commemorates her origin from the side of Christ on the Cross, and intercedes for the salvation of the whole world.

HOLY SATURDAY - today the Church is, as it were, at the Lord's tomb, meditating on his passion and death, and on his descent to the dead, and awaiting his resurrection with prayer and fasting. Mass is not celebrated. Before the Easter Vigil, Holy Communion may be given only as Viaticum. No sacraments are celebrated, save, as necessary, Penance and Anointing of the Sick.

THE EASTER SEASON - the celebration of Easter begins at the Easter Vigil and is prolonged throughout the Easter Season. The fifty days from Easter Sunday to Pentecost Sunday are celebrated as one feast, the "Great Sunday" The Easter Vigil by ancient tradition this night is 'one of vigil for the Lord', to commemorate the resurrection: the 'Mother of all holy vigils', when the Church waits for the Resurrection and celebrates it with the Sacraments of Christian Initiation. The full meaning of this Vigil is a waiting for the coming of the Lord. Easter Sunday - is to be celebrated with great solemnity. The Renewal of Baptismal Promises will take the place of the Creed. The stoups are filled with the water blessed at the Vigil. The Easter Candle is placed near the altar and remains there until Pentecost Sunday inclusive.